

WEEK'S WORLD NEWS

Edward Payson Weston, who first became famous by walking from Boston to Washington to see Lincoln, is dead. He was the world's greatest pedestrian, dying at the age of 80.

Jack Dempsey may have retired from the ring as a professional boxer, but Joe Benjamin, ex-lightweight has reason to believe that Jack still packs a wallop. It was in a New York hotel, so the story goes that Jack was entertaining a party of girls when Joe crashed the party. He and Dempsey had words and Dempsey aimed a right cross and a left hook. News hounds heard of the fracas sent news of it sizzling over the wires. Jack denied the tale. Dempsey, however, passed the pugilist announced he believed Jack and didn't care about the alleged party with girls. In the face of much publicity Jack and Joe shook hands and made up.

Two weeks ago the House of Representatives passed the administration's farm aid bill. It went to the Senate. Senators debated acidity.

Into the bill was thrust a de-benture clause, providing for the issuance of bonds redeemable at cash to producing agencies selling surplus crops abroad. President Hoover opposed the de-benture. Administration whips fought it bitterly. The Senate, however, passed the bill, de-benture clause and all. Democrats declared that the House would not accept the de-benture provision and that farm aid legislation would fall and if so, the responsibility would be with the Republicans. In case the House, where the administration are carrying a large majority, turns down the de-benture provision, the Senate will strive to insert the de-benture plan into the tariff bill.

All states enforce libel laws. Printed falsehoods injuring the reputation of an individual are cause of civil action for damages and criminal charges. Many states however have no laws against slander broadcast over the radio. The legislature at Sacramento by an overwhelming vote passed such a radio anti-slander bill. It was vetoed by Governor E. W. Patten. Bob Shuler, radio broadcaster, preacher and deliver into things political.

The press gallery stirred with interest. Senators turned their attention from the platform where Senator E. W. Patten was denouncing Ohio's Simeon Fess in connection with farm relief. All eyes turned to the gallery, where—wonder of wonders—Dolly Gann, sister of the vice president and Princess Alice Roosevelt Longworth had entered together and sat down side by side. After a momentary diplomatic nod accorded Mrs. Gann the social status of the vice president's wife. Later however, Princess Alice had refused an invitation to a dinner because Mrs. Gann was to be seated ahead of the daughter of a former president. And now by Mrs. Gann and Princess Alice were sitting side by side, chatting amiably. Senators could not believe their eyes. Alert news men learned that the incident had not been arranged, that Alice and Dolly had met in the elevator quite by accident. Princess Alice, bought out by reporters, seemed to enjoy the situation thoroughly. "I wanted to watch the press gallery when we came in together," she said. "We have had a wonderful time." Alice left the gallery after a few minutes. She was followed shortly by Mrs. Gann. Washington buzzed—and buzzed.

During the farm bill debate Senator Simeon Fess, Ohio, catechized Senators who supported Mr. Hoover but favored the de-benture plan. He called them "pseudo-Republicans." Senator Borah retorted, declaring he believed with Mr. Hoover on many principles, parted with him on others, asserted his vote would never be controlled by anyone, not even the President. Washington sensed a break between the President and the man who was his most active and eloquent supporter during the campaign. Adroitly the President silenced the whippers by letting it be known that Senator and Mrs. Borah were to be his guests at dinner. The next day it became known that Senator and Mrs. Fess were to dine at the White House the next night. All of which caused Will Rogers to remark that when the Senators get nasty the President feeds 'em and added, "That's what's the matter with the Senate. They're just hungry."

That construction of the Boulder dam may be indefinitely delayed because of the inability of the gov. (Continued on Page 9)

BILL THE BARBER SAYS LOTS OF CHILDREN ARE LOST THESE DAYS BECAUSE THEY CAN'T REACH THEIR MOTHERS' DRESSES

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LOMITA CITY MOVE OPPOSED

Torrance Man Falls From Redondo Roller Coaster Car

NORTH END WOULD ANNEX

Incorporation Paper Filed in L. A. Friday, Hearing Set for June 3

SEEK TO JOIN TORRANCE

Petition to Annex, Signed by 96, Is Filed Tuesday Morning

Two new developments were recorded during the past week in the movement to incorporate. Spine of the campaign to make a sixth class city of the community filed with the Board of Supervisors a petition asking that an election be held and the board set a hearing on the petition for Monday, June 3.

As this petition was filed, residents of the north end of Lomita, who are opposed to incorporation, organized a movement for annexation to Torrance. The incorporation petition was filed in Los Angeles last Friday, May 10.

The annexation petition was filed in Torrance Tuesday, May 14. Officials in Torrance declare that the incorporation proceedings take precedence over the annexation move on account of the earlier filing of the incorporation document.

The supervisors may or may not call an annexation election. North enders asking annexation to Torrance declare that they will campaign vigorously against incorporation if an election is called and add that they will strive to induce the board not to call the election. They also declare that in case an election is called and the proposition is defeated, they will press their movement for annexation to Torrance.

Meantime pro-incorporationists continued their campaign of education in Lomita, driving home to voters through various group meetings the advantages, as they see them, of making a city of Lomita.

Reports from every section of Lomita, gathered by Lomita News staff members reveal that opinion over incorporation is divided, although many who previously have opposed it are now for it. Sentiment against incorporation is more pronounced in South and North Lomita while the central district is preponderantly in favor of the move.

Committee Urges Patience During Water Treatment

Business Men Told Company Striving to Clean Long-Neglected Pipes of Vegetable Matter; Water Given Clean Bill of Health

In a detailed report to business men at their luncheon at Earl's Cafe, Wednesday noon, Herbert Wood outlined the results of an investigation of Torrance water conditions. The committee consisting of Charles Vonderahe, Mr. Wood and Dr. Norman Leake went into the situation with officials of the Dominguez Water company and the Torrance Water, Light and Power company thoroughly.

Mr. Wood reported that both companies declare that the pipes of the Torrance distributing system contain a large amount of vegetable matter and that heavy doses of chlorine are necessary over a long period to clean the pipes. He said that both companies are now introducing chlorine into the water, the Dominguez having installed a \$3500 chlorinator only this week.

Walteria Postmaster Sentenced For Embezzlement; Blames Booze

R. F. Bell, charged with having embezzled more than \$1995 of government funds while postmaster at Walteria, was sentenced Monday to serve 18 months at McNeill's Island prison. Bell pleaded guilty to the charge and laid his trouble to his fondness for intoxicating liquors.

DeKalb Spurlin Found Not Guilty, After Jury Deliberates 3 Hours

DeKalb Spurlin, prominent Torrance man, was acquitted Friday night of a charge of conspiring in an assault against Arthur M. Loeb during a meeting of a Julian Petroleum Corporation stockholders' committee two years ago. The jury in Judge Aggeler's court deliberated three hours.

Woman Launches Fight to Keep Dances for High School Students

Mrs. Addie E. Thomas, 1037 Anapola avenue, informed The Herald Monday that she is conducting a campaign to overthrow the decision of school authorities that character dances for high school students be discontinued.

Buyers Guests of Steel Plant

Columbia Will Be Host to 150 Purchasing Agents Tomorrow Night

One hundred and fifty industrial purchasing agents of Southern California will be the guests of the Columbia Steel Corporation tomorrow night at a dinner at Earl's Cafe and an inspection trip through the company's mills here.

CITY COUNCIL SHOOTSELF

Charles E. Raymond Committed Suicide at Fresno County Ranch

SAD OVER ILL-HEALTH

Torrance Councilman, Facing Third Operation, Dies by His Own Hand

Charles E. Raymond, Torrance city councilman, dependent over ill-health committed suicide by shooting himself Monday at his ranch near Caruthers in Fresno county, Official Torrance and Mrs. Raymond's many friends here were shocked at the news which was received in Torrance Monday afternoon.

Mr. Raymond has lived in Torrance for a number of years and was appointed to the council to fill a vacancy. Last spring he was elected to serve the city for four years.

Prior to his departure to Caruthers a few months ago Mr. Raymond underwent two operations at the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital. According to word from Caruthers he was informed by surgeons a few days ago that another operation would be necessary. Worried and dependent over this fact, he determined to end his sorrow. His body was found in the Raymond automobile Monday by a friend.

Relatives of Mr. Raymond left Torrance Monday night for Caruthers. News of Mr. Raymond's death received here originally did not state that he had killed himself. The news that his death was by his own hand was verified by The Torrance Herald over the long distance telephone Tuesday morning.

Mr. Raymond had large property interests in Torrance as well as in the northwest. As a citizen and an official he had the respect of the entire city.

Pioneer Expires at Home on Cota

William Metcalf Had Lived in This District Since 1911

William Metcalf, 70, died Monday, May 13, at the home of Mrs. Phoebe Sykes, 1821 Cota avenue. Though in all health for over a year, Mr. Metcalf was confined to bed but ten days before his death, which was caused by heart trouble.

Born in Richmond, Yorkshire, England, "Uncle Will" as he was known to Lomita and Torrance pioneers came to Torrance in October, 1911, and since 1920 had lived at 2815 Chestnut street, Lomita. Mr. Metcalf was a business associate and close friend of Albert E. Sykes, now deceased, and since Mr. Sykes' death, of his family.

Mr. Metcalf was at one time editor of a newspaper in Marlton, England. Survivors, if any, are unknown to friends here.

HALT TIN CAN FIGHT

Constables Taber and Straight were called to the Palos Verdes hills, Monday night to stop a tin can fight among a group of Mexicans. Constable Henry of Redondo Beach beat the local officers to the scene and took Louis Flores to the Redondo hospital and J. P. Provindia to Redondo jail. Flores has a fractured skull and numerous cuts. Body cuts—all dealt with tin cans.

J. C. Penney Company to Open Torrance Store

Growing Importance of City as Retail Hub of District Is Emphasized by Decision of Great Nationwide Organization

The growing importance of Torrance as the shopping hub of the district was emphasized again this week when The Herald received official notification from New York that the J. C. Penney Company, operators of stores all over the country, will open a store in Torrance early this fall. The news story from the company's headquarters in the East follows—(Editor).

The J. C. Penney company, largest retail department store organization in the world will open a new store in Torrance early in the fall. Negotiations covering a lease on the new location have been completed.

A new building will be erected for the company on Barton avenue, next to the Huddleston Furniture store. The lease was arranged by Rufus Page of Gilbert, Hansen and Page. Mr. Page has been endeavoring to induce the company to locate here for more than a year.

Contracts for necessary construction and remodeling are being let by the construction department of the J. C. Penney company, and local concerns will be given the preference wherever possible.

The J. C. Penney company stores in this city will be one of the 1900 new stores to be opened this year in the chain which already totals over 1200 units.

Stock will include a full line of ready-to-wear garments in men's, women's and children's lines, footwear, haberdashery, millinery, linens, with the latest style elements and will be one of the most complete stocks ever shown in this city according to advance statements from the merchandising department of the organization.

In its relation to the community, the business house in its banking connections and, so far as is possible, in the building up of the store personnel.

The J. C. Penney company was founded in Kemmerer, Wyo. 27 years ago by the man whose name it bears. The present organization, which covers 47 states is the outgrowth of the mother store which did \$28,000 in business its first year. Last year total sales of the company were in excess of \$176,000,000.

Mr. Penney, the founder, and now chairman-of-the-board of directors, has, for the past several years, devoted a large portion of his time to the development of agricultural and dairying interests.

He is also interested in philanthropic work and in publishing, being president of the Christian Herald Association.

His dairy herd of purebred Guernsey cattle at Emmadine Farm, New York is one of the outstanding herds of the world and has been shown at all leading state fairs and dairy exhibitions for the past five years.

He has recently become chairman-of-the-board of Foremost Dairy Products, Inc., a \$5,000,000 dairy company operating 26 dairies in five states in the Southeastern part of the country.

At the town of Penney Farms, Florida, he is operating an extensive cultural enterprise which has recently attracted widespread attention because of the co-operative method employed in making resident farmers into farm owners.

There are 130,000 acres in the Penney Farms tract and extensive experiments are being carried on in raising Satsuma oranges, tung oil trees, potatoes, corn, small grains as well as in dairying, poultry raising and turkeys.

With hundreds of cities and towns bidding through their city organizations for J. C. Penney company stores, the officials have confined their selection to communities in which local conditions have been comparable to the best business conditions in the leading cities throughout the country.

INJURIES MAY BE FATAL

Jimmie LaBar in Fearsome Plunge from Structure Top

SKULL IS FRACTURED

Columbia Worker Still Unconscious After Accident Sunday Night

Jimmy LaBar, 21, resident at the Lady Homes, East Torrance, is lying unconscious in a critical condition in a Hermosa Beach hospital, suffering from a fractured skull, internal injuries, a broken leg and knee bone, and numerous cuts and bruises, as the result of a fall from a roller coaster in Redondo Beach Sunday evening.

LaBar and Miss Isabelle Matthews of 320th street, had boarded the roller coaster for a ride about 10:15. According to Miss Matthews, LaBar was holding on with one hand on the seat in front of them, and the other on the back of the seat. He missed his hold to change position at the moment that the car reached the very top of the framework and started around a corner with a terrific lunge, and he was thrown to the very bottom of the network of tracks.

She asserts that he tried to grab onto the car as he was falling, but could not catch hold.

Miss Matthews screamed for help but was unheard in the din of the excitement. When the car reached the lower levels, where LaBar had fallen and was lying unconscious, the car brushed aside his body in passing by.

LaBar was rushed to the hospital in an ambulance that was called to the scene of the accident. He was still unconscious Tuesday, and declared to be in a very serious condition.

Mosquito Pest Action Sought

Business Men Ask Council to Take Measures to Prevent Nuisance

Business men at their luncheon yesterday noon took action to urge officials to an attempt to eliminate the mosquito nuisance in Torrance this year. A motion by Sam Levy that a letter to the city council be written urging action was unanimously passed.

Last summer when the mosquito nuisance was at its height, The Herald led a campaign against the pest. Health authorities conducted a survey and recommended that preventive measures against mosquitoes be taken this spring.

It was pointed out at the luncheon that unless action is started at once the pest will be as numerous and as bothersome as they were last year.

Big Berries on Top, Wee Ones at Bottom; Two Men Are Fined

Packing strawberries in deceptive packages doesn't pay, R. Takota and H. Imamura found out Friday, when Judge Rippey fined them \$100 or 100 days for this offense.

Observations

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